

## Claims

- [c1] A management apparatus for managing a plurality of interconnecting devices which interconnects communication, comprising:  
a command storage unit for storing one or more execution procedures, which correspond to a common command to the interconnecting devices and process the command for the respective interconnecting devices; and  
an execution unit connecting to said command storage unit for executing the command for one of the plurality of interconnecting devices, by fetching the execution procedure corresponding to the command for said one of the interconnecting devices from said command storage unit, and for communicating with said one of the interconnecting devices in accordance with the execution procedure.
- [c2] A management apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said execution unit establishes VLAN to said one of the interconnecting devices, by executing the command for said one of the interconnecting devices.
- [c3] A management apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said execution unit either creates the VLAN to said one of the interconnecting devices or deletes the VLAN from said one of the interconnecting devices, by executing the command for said one of the interconnecting devices.
- [c4] A management apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said execution unit either adds a communication apparatus to the VLAN set to said one of the interconnecting devices or deletes a communication apparatus from the VLAN set to said one of the interconnecting devices, by executing the command for said one of the interconnecting devices.
- [c5] A management apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a fetch unit for fetching the execution procedure of said one of the interconnecting devices from said one of the interconnecting devices, and for storing the fetched execution procedure into said command storage unit.
- [c6] A management apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said one of the interconnecting devices stores the execution procedure in MIB (Management

Information Base) of SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol), and said fetch unit fetches the execution procedure from MIB of said one of the interconnecting devices using SNMP.

- [c7] A management apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in case where the execution procedure includes a procedure of fetching an address of an interconnecting management apparatus for managing said one of the interconnecting devices, said execution unit fetches the address of the interconnecting management apparatus from said one of the interconnecting devices, and said execution unit manages said one of the interconnecting devices through the interconnecting management apparatus, according to the execution procedure of the command, by communicating with the interconnecting management apparatus using the address.
- [c8] An interconnecting device for interconnecting communication in a network, the interconnecting device connecting to a management apparatus to manage the interconnecting device and generating a fetch request, the interconnecting device comprising:
- a storage unit for storing an execution procedure which corresponds to a command executed by the management apparatus and processes the command;
  - a receiver connecting to said storage unit for receiving from the management apparatus the fetch request for fetching the execution procedure;
  - a transmitter connecting to said storing unit and to the management apparatus for fetching the execution procedure from the storage unit which procedure is specified by the fetch request, and for transmitting the fetched execution procedure to the management apparatus; and
  - a setting unit connecting to said receiver and to said transmitter for setting the interconnecting device according to a process request sent to the interconnecting device by the management apparatus, based on the execution procedure, when the management apparatus executes the command based on the execution procedure.
- [c9] An interconnecting device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said storage unit

stores the execution procedure in MIB of SNMP,  
 said receiver receives the fetch request as a message format based on SNMP,  
 and  
 said transmitter transmits the execution procedure in the message format  
 based on SNMP.

[c10] An interconnecting device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the execution  
 procedure includes steps of:  
 making the management apparatus fetch an address of an interconnecting  
 management apparatus which manages said interconnecting device; and  
 making the management apparatus manage said interconnecting device via the  
 interconnecting management apparatus of the interconnecting device, by  
 communicating with the interconnecting management apparatus.

[c11] A communication system comprising:  
 a plurality of interconnecting devices for interconnecting communication; and  
 a management apparatus connecting to and managing said plurality of  
 interconnecting devices, wherein  
 said management apparatus includes  
 a command storage unit for storing one or more execution procedures, which  
 corresponds to a common command for managing said interconnecting devices  
 and process the command for said respective interconnecting devices,  
 a fetch unit for fetching the execution procedure of one of said interconnecting  
 devices from said one of said interconnecting devices, and for storing the  
 fetched execution procedure into said command storage unit, and  
 an execution unit for executing the command for said one of said  
 interconnecting devices, by fetching the execution procedure corresponding to  
 the command for said one of said interconnecting devices from said command  
 storage unit, and by communicating with said one of said interconnecting  
 devices in accordance with the execution procedure; and  
 said one of the interconnecting devices includes  
 a storage unit for storing the execution procedure, which corresponds to the  
 command executed by said management apparatus managing said one of said  
 interconnecting devices, and processes the command,



